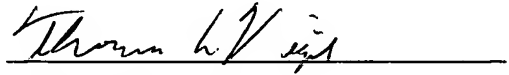


REMARKS

Applicant submits that the amended substitute specification, claims and abstract of the disclosure are in proper U.S. form, the claims are clear of the prior art, and the application is otherwise in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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